









## MACEDONIA IN THE SPRING.

London, Mar. 4.—With the winter about over, attention is again centred on Macedonia, where conditions are serious, and during the last three days numerous clashes have been reported between Greek bands and Ottoman troops. In fact, so serious is the outlook that Austria-Hungary and Russia have addressed a peremptory Note to the Government at Athens, in which they state unless repressive measures are undertaken and the protection given to the brigands operating in Macedonia is withdrawn, stern measures will be adopted to compel Greece to yield this point. The task of pacifying Macedonia, says the Note, is exclusively Austria's hence the Hellenic Government had better keep its hands off.

The Greek bands in Macedonia show that they are making common cause on both sides and peasantry. In several cases villages were surrounded and the inhabitants compelled to pay tribute to the "Cause of Freedom."

This has resulted in increasing the fear of the inhabitants that when spring comes they will find themselves at the mercy of both the bandits and the Turkish troops.

## A RECORD IN BIGAMY.

New York, Feb. 10.—Immense public interest is being taken in the fate of Johnson Hoek, now in Chicago Jail, who is charged with marrying 15 wives, and swindling them all, and is further suspected of murder.

This record polygamist when confronted and identified by four wives at Chicago only seemed to be thoroughly amused by the situation. The recriminations of the victims he met with jeers, and seemed quite at his ease. One of the women called him a miserable cur, who stole her fortune.

"No," he said, "you gave it to me to keep, and I kept it."

Forty camera flashes, on his arrival at the railway station, levelled their apparatus at him, but the police declined to allow him to be either photographed or interviewed. "Nevertheless, for nothing daunts the American news-papers—they all appeared to-day with pictures of the prisoner surrounded by a battalion of wives. He has now confessed to ten weddings. He admits that the white powder found in his fountain pen was poison, but declares that he carried it for the purpose of committing suicide.

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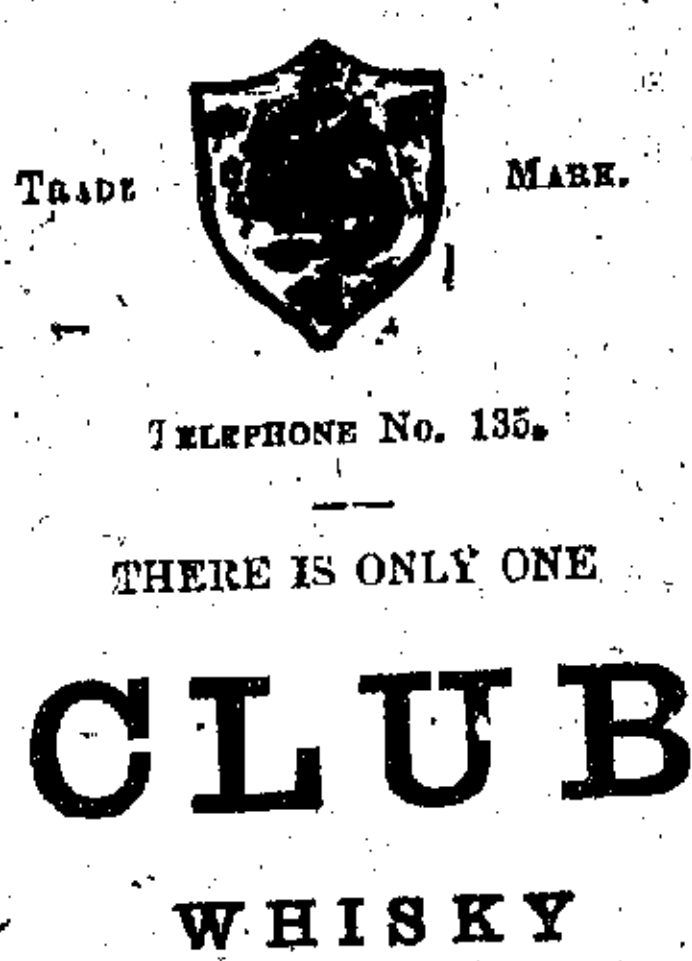
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### MEMOS. FOR MONDAY.

Amusements.  
7 p.m.—Performance by Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club in City Hall.

Miscellaneous.  
Goods per *Armand Behic* unloaded after this date at Noon will be subject to rent and landing charges.

### General Memoranda.

Tuesday, April 11—  
4.30 p.m.—Meeting of The Yungtze Insurance Association, Ltd., at Hotel Office.

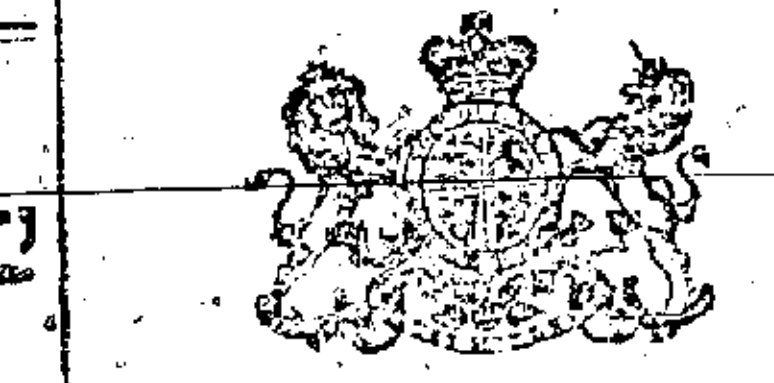
Wednesday, April 12—  
2 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, &c., at "Burnside, Robinson Road.

Thursday, April 13—  
2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, &c., at No. 2, Granville Avenue, Kowloon.

Friday, April 14—  
2 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, &c., at Stoke Dunsland East, the Peak.

Saturday, April 15—  
9 a.m.—Meeting of The China-Burma Ceylon Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 1905.

TSINGMING.

At this season of the year, we, perforce, become familiar with the word Tsingming, the exact connotation of which, perhaps, some of our readers have not exerted themselves to ascertain.

They know that the word describes a Chinese festival, which occurs in the spring, and that it is connected with the worship at, or of, the graves.

The most manifest sign of the approach of the day to the average resident, is the disappearance of one or more of the domestics, or the non-appearance of the ordinary man or even business shroff.

The Chinese employee has come to think that this season—like bank holidays in England—now concedes him the right to relinquish work, to turn his back on his master, and his face towards his village home.

For a consideration, he introduces as an accredited supply, into his place, a griffin, who is anxious to commence "learn-judging," and so whilst he is disporting himself in his ancestral home, the griffin looks with admiration and awe on the possessions of the home into which he has, for the nonce, been introduced, and calculates the probabilities of detection, should he, at the close of his term of *vacation*, appropriate some attractive trifle, as a memento of his first introduction to the mansions of the wealthy Westerner.

Tsingming falls on, or near, the fifth of April. The words may be translated by "transparent brightness," or any more or less poetic equivalent. The weeping willow is called "the Tsingming willow."

Ancient references seem to indicate that this feast was simply the festival connected with the approach of spring.

These references tell us of companies of young men, who were wont to leave crowded cities for the hills, and amidst budding trees, flowing streams, and verdant nature, spend the day in recreation, feasting, and song.

Readers will probably be reminded of the festival of the Eleusinian, in which the ancient Greeks joined to worship Demeter who was the patron goddess of agriculture. Now, however, whilst there is a day set apart for the observance of religious rites in connection with agriculture, Tsingming has become, in the religious habits and thought of the Chinese, inseparably associated with the worship at the tombs of their ancestors.

To-day the duties connected with Tsingming are twofold. These are social, civil, and religious. Wherever the ordinary celestial goes there is only one spot which he regards as home. The village nestled under bayonies and bamboos, at the foot of some bare hill, and the tombs of his ancestors which cover the hillside, are the memories which he carries with him, whether he is serving behind the counter in the big city, or stoking the fires in the engine room of the big liner. At Tsingming, each year if possible, he visits his home, to renew the companionship of his family and his clan. When to this is added the further attraction of substantial dinners, and the rural excitement of a picnic to the hills, it is evident the conditions of thorough enjoyment are not wanting. But civil duties also claim his attention. As in England, and no doubt in other countries, also, common law obtains. A substantial sum is often spent on a site for a grave, and while the members of a family keep it in repair, the "parcel of ground" is theirs for perpetuity. Should they, however, for some reason, for three consecutive years, fail to visit the earthen mound, to repair the ravages of wind, rain, and animals, they forfeit the right to retain the sacred spot, should others be sacrilegious enough to seize it. Hence some members of the clan will without fail at-

tend to this duty. In a few words, the ground is cleared of weeds, some earth is piled on the top of the mound, and three slabs of turf are placed on the top of all under which flutter some strips of tinsel paper. Lastly religious worship is intimately associated with the festival. How far the worship offered to the manes is pure idolatry, or superstition, or simply reverence, is a moot question. Probably, in the case of many educated Confucianists, the worship amounts to little more than the attention to certain religious rites, which custom imposes on all alike, though instances are not wanting, which prove, that the highest officials regard their ancestors as the arbiters of the destiny, and promotion, of the suppliant. On the other hand the average man offers to the spirits of the departed, the same kind of worship as he offers to all his other gods, which is a compound of confused superstitions, out of which springs a vague hope, that, in some way, temporal blessings will be conferred on the worshipper.

Native Christians, we are informed, conform to the universal custom of repairing to the graves of their ancestors at Tsingming, though of course, they have been taught, to distinguish between filial reverence, and superstitious worship. Probably, the numbers of Roman Catholic Christians in China to-day would be larger, if at the beginning of the eighteenth century, the Pope had been less persistent in his interference in matters where control Kanghi regarded as his own particular prerogative. The Pope condemned ancestral worship in all its forms. There is connected with this annual pilgrimage to the tombs of the fathers, much that is good which is worthy of conserving and elevating. The custom, it is true, sometimes brings results which are provokingly inconvenient to the master and mistress of the English home here in Hongkong. In England they have not been accustomed to be left, with or without permission, in this way, by their employees. But this inconvenience like many others here in Hongkong, must be met with philosophical stoicism, which calmly recognises that what cannot be cured must perforce be endured.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

Military Additions.

The undermentioned arrived yesterday per s.s. "Coromandel" from England:—

Royal Garrison Artillery, Captain F. L. Bennett, one Master Gunner, wife and children, and one Sergeant. Royal Engineers, 1 Q.M.S., 1 Sergeant, 3 Sappers, and Capt. F. W. North, Royal Berkshire Regt. (on route to Japan).

A Revolver Confiscated.

A disturbance took place in Ship Street last evening during which a revolver shot was fired and two scoundrels were subsequently arrested in connection with the affair.

At the Magistrate's this morning, a third unemployed seaman stated the revolver was his property and had been brought by him from Liverpool. Last night he was drunk and one of the defendants took the revolver from him but he could not say who fired the shot. There was no further evidence against the defendants, and they were accordingly discharged, the revolver and ammunition being confiscated.

The Rainfall.

The following table gives the monthly rainfall at the Observatory to the end of March with the means and extremes for 20 years:—

RAINFALL AT HONGKONG OBSERVATORY.

1905 1884-1903.

January..... 1.50 1.32 8.43 0.00

February..... 1.10 1.86 7.25 0.00

March..... 11.48 2.63 10.43 0.17

The year's rainfall to the end of the month amounts to 14.38 inches, the 29 years' average being 5.81 inches. March breaks the previous record for wetness by an inch.

A Narrow Escape.

A serious accident, that might have been attended with loss of life, was narrowly averted in Des Vaux Road this morning at about 9 o'clock. As car No. 18 was coming along at an ordinary rate of speed two Japanese came out from under a verandah and two rickshas rushed across the road to obtain their patronage. The car was quite close by this time and the bell was being sounded vigorously, but notwithstanding this a third ricksha coolie dashed across in front of the car to the Japanese. The electric brake was applied to the car, but before it could come to a standstill it struck the ricksha which in turn collided with the two other vehicles and overturned them. Inspector Collett was in the car, coming to the Police Court, and had the defendant arrested. He was fined \$20 by Mr. J. H. Kemp, at the Magistrate's this morning, for reckless driving.

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### LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

Mr. T. A. Hammer has been appointed an Official Justice of the Peace.

The French Mail of the 7th March was delivered in London on the 8th April.

Major A. Chapman has been provisionally appointed Commandant of the Volunteer Corps.

Leave of absence on private affairs to the neighbouring countries has been granted to Capt. C. M. F. Watkins, Royal Engineers, from 25th April to 27th July 1905.

Mr. J. Dyer Ball will lecture to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock at the Young Men's Christian Association, Alexandra Building. Subject:—"The Remnant of the Scattered Race in China."

The usual prayer meeting will be held on Monday afternoon at 8.15 in the Lecture room of the European Y.M.C.A., Alexandra Buildings, and will be conducted by the Rev. E. J. Barnett.

The following provisional appointments have been made:—Mr. J. R. Wood to act as assistant Registrar General; Mr. G. N. Orme, as Secretary to the Sanitary Board; Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne, as assistant Land Officer; Mr. T. A. Hammer, as Clerk in the Magistracy.

At nine o'clock on Monday evening next at the European Y.M.C.A., a farewell meeting in honour of Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Southam, who will be leaving by the next German Mail for a twelve months' furlough, will be held. The committee in charge wishes it to be made known that a cordial invitation to be present is extended to all those interested, both ladies and gentlemen.

Hongkong and Plague.

The following telegram from H.B.M. Consul, Batavia, has been received by the Colonial Secretary:—"Hongkong declared to be infected with plague."

Bank Notes in Circulation.

The following returns of the average amount of bank-notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hongkong, during March, are certified by the managers of the respective Banks:—

Banks.

Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China..... 3,571,248 2,400,000

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation..... 16,455,105 11,000,000

National Bank of China, Limited..... 201,511 100,000

Total.....\$20,227,864 \$12,500,000

Fire in Wellington Street.

A fire broke out at No. 127 Wellington Street, close to the Fire Station, last evening and did considerable damage. The outbreak occurred on the ground floor, which was at the time unoccupied, the tenant having gone out the previous day, and is believed to have originated amongst some shavings and similar material but from what cause is known. The men from head-quarters were almost immediately on the scene but the fire spread very rapidly and had reached the first floor by way of the stairs before they could check it. Three hydrants were quickly in working order and after a sharp struggle the flames were got under control. The save was a good one, the principal damage being to the first floor where a photographer's shop was situated with his furniture and fittings suffered to the extent of about \$1000. The place was not insured.

The Reward of Chivalry.

A rather curious assault also occurred at West Point last evening, in connection with which Ng Kan, an electric motor man, was brought before Mr. J. H. Kemp, at the Magistrate's this morning. It appears that while some rice was being unloaded into the Po Hing Godown an old woman came round to gather some of what had been spilt for herself. She was sent away several times but returned again, when one of the coolies chased her with a broom and commenced to knock her about. He was handling her very roughly when the defendant stopped his car and came to the woman's rescue. The coolie ran into the godown on his approach and when found some time later was seen to have his feet badly damaged, having jumped from the first floor into the roadway. Several witnesses declared that the defendant pushed him over the verandah, but this is denied and it seems more probable that the coolie became frightened and jumped off the verandah of his own accord. The case was remanded until Monday.

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#### [CHINA MAIL'S SPECIAL SERVICE.]

#### THE RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR.

#### RUSSIAN FLEET COMING EASTWARD.

47 Vessels in The Malacca Straits.

(From Our Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, April 8, 11.25 a.m.

A large section of the Russian fleet has been sighted in the Malacca Straits.

On the 7th instant, at 3 p.m., the "Tara," while passing through the Straits, sighted a fleet consisting of 47 vessels, of which eight were made out to be four-funnelled cruisers.

The fleet was off the One Fathom Bank.

#### THE RUSSIAN FLEET.

Reported to be Near Java.

A rumour was current in town this morning to the effect that the Russian Fleet, or portion of it, had been sighted in the Straits of Sunda, between Java and Sumatra.

The report continued that in consequence of the appearance of the Russian Fleet the cruiser "Sutlej" had been ordered south and that the battleship "Glory" had been warned to hold herself in readiness.

Enquiries made at the Commodore's Office confirmed the report that the "Sutlej" had been ordered to sea, but no information could be obtained as to her destination.

Nothing further could be gleaned as to the falsity or truth of the rest of the rumour, which we publish with all reserve.

Should it prove to be a fact we may hear news of a naval engagement, as it is surmised that a portion of Japan's Navy is cruising in the vicinity of the Straits.

A further rumour has it that the Japanese fleet has its headquarters at Motu Islands, and has been seen hovering round in that locality during the past fortnight.

#### PLAQUE RESTRICTIONS.

Mr. F. J. Haver Druze, Consul General for Netherlands-India, writes as follows:—

I have the honour to inform you that the Governor General of Netherlands-India has decreed that all ships or vessels arriving from Hongkong, or having called at that port, are subject in Netherlands-India to a quarantine of five days from the date of departure from Hongkong or since the last case of plague on board.

Importation is temporarily prohibited of animal refuse, claws and hoofs, animal or human hair and bristles, birds which are untanned and which are soiled or cured with arsenic, raw wool and rags, bags or sacks which have already been used, coming from Hongkong or transhipped at that port.

Also, it is temporarily prohibited to import from Hongkong into Netherlands-India tapestry and used embroideries unless they are transported as personal baggage or in consequence of change of residence.

#### INDIAN MARKSMANSHIP.

Experiment by Lord Kitchener.

Lord Kitchener has initiated a new plan for the development of rifle shooting in the native army in India. He has selected a number of corps who are to be examined the established course of marksmanship for the year, and these are to be trained by commanding officers upon lines which they themselves shall devise.

The annual allowance of ammunition will be placed at the disposal of the regiments, and by this means some practical experience will be gained in new and, perhaps, novel methods of effective marksmanship.

Each selected regiment will be trained under the eyes of the General Commanding, and Lord Kitchener will cause a careful examination to be made of the method of training used in each case. A special allowance of ammunition, over and above the annual grant, will be allowed for use in any cases where the usual amount is deemed insufficient.

A general report upon the whole of the work will be submitted to Lord Kitchener as soon as the practice has been completed.

The officers detailed to award marks to the regiments in the competition for efficiency are visiting the various stations. There are likely to be reports both for and against this form of competition. Some officers regard the scheme as a "gamble for marks," as in the case of the artillery practices so strongly condemned recently.

#### GERMANY AND MOROCCO.

A Memorandum Issued.

The German Ambassador in Washington has called on the War Department and left a memorandum stating that Germany stands for the open door in Morocco, as in the Far East, and for the preservation of the status-quo and the safeguarding of the commercial relations of all nations.

France is not mentioned.

The Memorandum has been communicated to President Roosevelt.

#### THE RUSSIAN CHURCH.

London, April 6.

M. Pobiedonostzeff, the reactionary Procurator of the Holy Synod, having resigned, a Patriarch will be elected Head of the Church.

This is the outcome of the new reforming tendencies of the Church.

#### ENGLAND AND FRANCE.

Reaffirmation of the Entente.

Although the meeting of the King and President Loubet was mooted prior to the Emperor's visit to Tangier, it is regarded everywhere as an unmistakable reaffirmation of the entente, with a special reference to the intervention of Germany in Morocco.

#### German Minister Replaced.

The German Minister in Morocco has been recalled and Dr. Rosen, the negotiator of the recent treaty with Abyssinia, has been appointed as his successor.

#### Band Performance.

The following is the programme of music to be performed by the band of the 110th Mahatras Light Infantry on the Parade Ground on Monday next, from 5 to 6.30 p.m.:—

March....."St. George and the Dragon".....Harris

Selection....."Blind Ball in Fairyland".....Slaughter

Waltz....."Reverie".....Folles

Song....."Under the Bamboo Tree".....Cule

Selection....."The Orchid".....Monckton

Idyl....."Blumangeaster".....Blow

Barri Dance....."Careless O'Clock".....Becalossi

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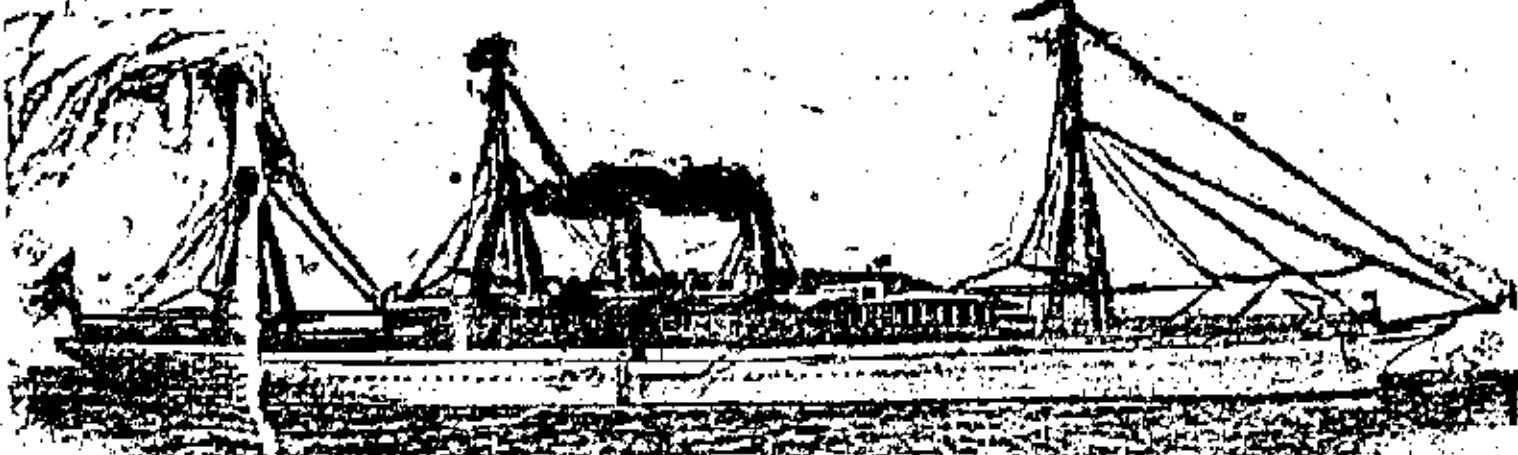
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